

REMARKS

In the action of February 9, 2004, the examiner objected to the drawing; rejected claim 2 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph; rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 14-17 and 21 under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Hilscher *et al*; and rejected claims 9, 11, 12, 20 and 22 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Hilscher *et al*. The examiner indicated that claims 3-5, 7, 8, 13, 18 and 19 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants include a copy of Figure 1 as originally submitted with a proposed correction concerning numeral 22. Approval of the proposed drawing correction is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claim 2 to correct the use of "apparatus". Withdrawal of that rejection is now respectfully requested.


Applicants have in this amendment amended claim 1 to include the limitation that the memory element has the capability of having information written to it, as included in claim 3, which was indicated to be allowable by the examiner. Hence, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. Hilscher has no teaching of having a structural capability of having information written to it. Claims 2-13 are dependent on claim 1 and are thus also allowable.

Claim 14 has been similarly amended, and hence is also allowable, as are claims 15-22, which are dependent thereon.

New claims 23 and 24 have been added. Claim 23 includes the limitations of original claim 1 and claim 7, which was indicated by the examiner to be allowable. Further, claim 24 includes the limitations of original claim 1 and original claim 13, which was also indicated by the examiner to be allowable.

In view of the above, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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